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SUBJ: PRESS INTERVIEW BY DEPUTY FONMIN JANOS NAGY

GENEVA FOR CSCE AMDEL

1. APRIL 4 EDITION OF SEMI-OFFICIAL MAGYAR HIRLAP
CARRIED FULL PAGE INTERVIEW BY FOREIGN EDITOR VAJDA
GABOR WITH DEPUTY FONMIN JANOS NAGY ON HUNGARY'S FOREIGN
RELATIONS.

2. REGARDING US-HUNGARIAN RELATION, NAGY SAID QUOTE
THE EFFECTS OF INTERNATIONAL DETENTE ARE MAKING THEM-
SELVES FELT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF US-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS
ALSO, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NOT DEVELOPING SATISFACTORILY
FROM EVERY POINT OF VIEW. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE
HAD HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS, SEVERAL IMPORTANT PROBLEMS
WERE RESOLVED THROUGH AGREEMENTS, BUT THE RESOLUTION
OF OTHERS IS YET TO BE ACHIEVED. US LEADERS HAVE
STATED OFFICIALLY ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT WITH REGARD
TO EAST EUROPEAN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES THEY WOULD ADAPT
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THEMSELVES TO SUCH A PACE AND DEGREE OF NORMALIZATION

WHICH THESE COUNTRIES HOLD TO BE ACCEPTABLE. WHEN FROM THE AMERICAN SIDE THE DEEDS CORRESPOND TO THESE STATEMENTS, WE SUCCEED IN THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF OUR RELATIONS; WHEN ON THE OTHER HAND FOR SOME REASON THIS RELATION BETWEEN DEEDS AND STATEMENTS IS LACKING, A DELAY OR STANDSTILL OCCURS UNQUOTE.

3. AS PART OF COMMENTS ON CSCE, MOST RESTATING KNOWN EE POSITIONS, NAGY SAID QUOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF REAL COOPERATION CAN ONLY BE USEFUL AND FRUITFUL FOR ALL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, NOT ONLY IN THE VARIOUS AREAS OF ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL LIFE, BUT IN MANY OTHER AREAS OF EVERYDAY LIFE AS WELL. WE EXPECT, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT IN ADDITION TO THE REMOVAL OF ARTIFICIAL OBSTACLES STANDING IN THE WAY OF DEVELOPING ECONOMIC RELATIONS, THE PRODUCTS OF OUR SOCIALIST CULTURE WILL BECOME MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE OF CAPITALIST COUNTRIES UNQUOTE. (THIS OBVIOUSLY HAS A REVERSE IMPLICATION AS WELL.)

4. COMMENTING ON RELATIONS WITH OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES NAGY PRAISED THE STATUS OF RELATIONS WITH FINLAND AND AUSTRIA, WELCOMED THE IMPROVEMENT OF FRG-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS, EXPRESSED A DESIRE FOR MORE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS WITH FRANCE, AND HOPED FOR QUOTE A GREATER INTEREST TOWARD TIES TO BE DEVELOPED WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES UNQUOTE ON THE PART OF THE NEW BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

5. COMMENT: LATTER PART OF NAGY'S REMARKS ABOUT US-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS ARE NOT COMPLETELY CLEAR, AND I PLAN TO ASK HIM FOR CLARIFICATION AT THE NEXT SUITABLE OCCASION.
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